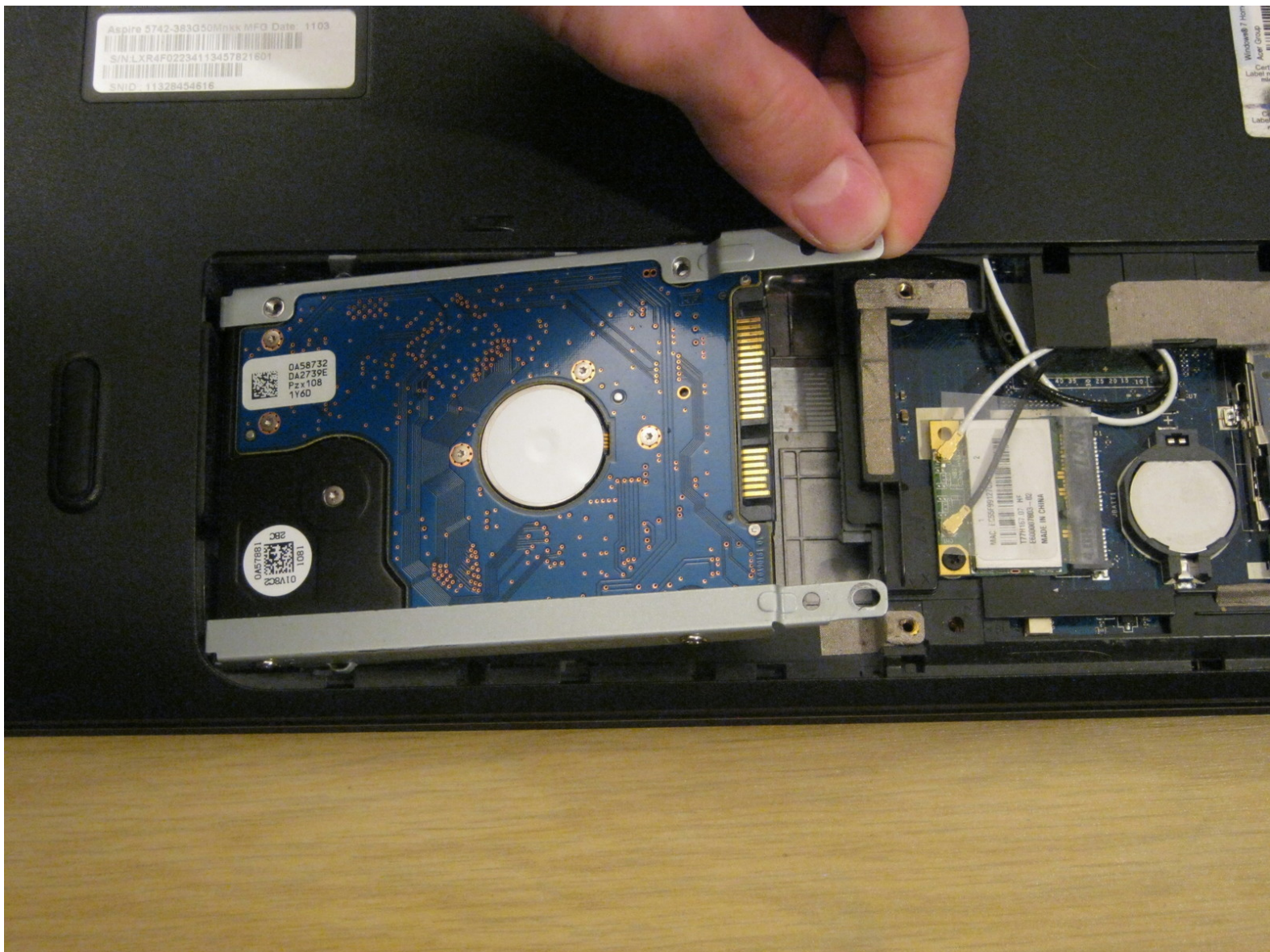




Acer Aspire 5742 Hard Drive Replacement

Replace the hard drive in your Acer Aspire 5742.

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INTRODUCTION

Replace the hard drive in your Acer Aspire 5742 to get lots more space, or upgrade to a super-fast SSD.



TOOLS:

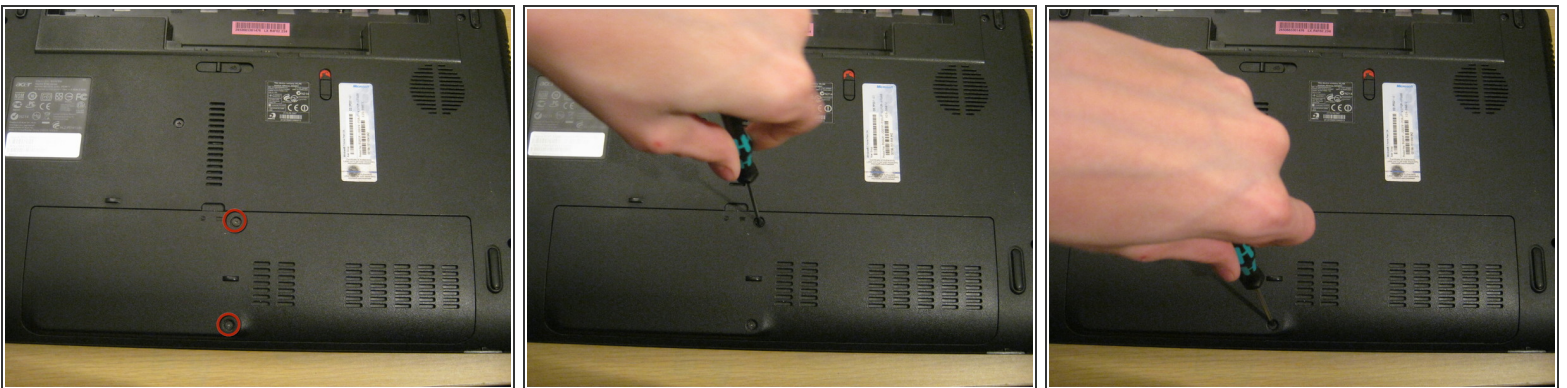
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [Spudger](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Battery



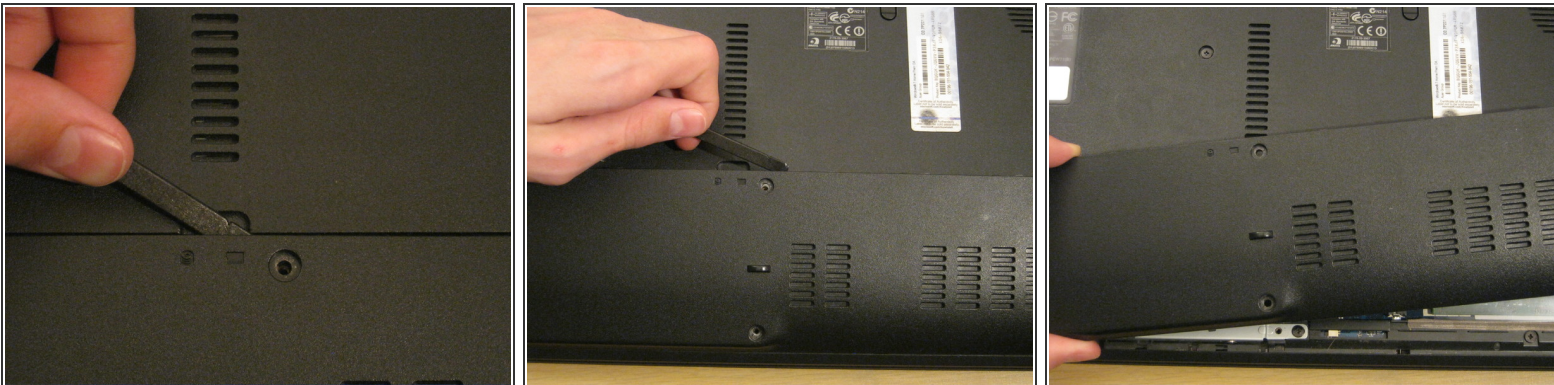
- Move the battery catch to the "unlocked" position.
- Pull back the second spring-loaded battery catch until the battery pops up.
- Remove the battery.

Step 2 — Cover Panel



- Turn the notebook around to face you.
- There are two Phillips #00 screws securing the cover panel to the rest of the notebook. Remove these screws.

Step 3

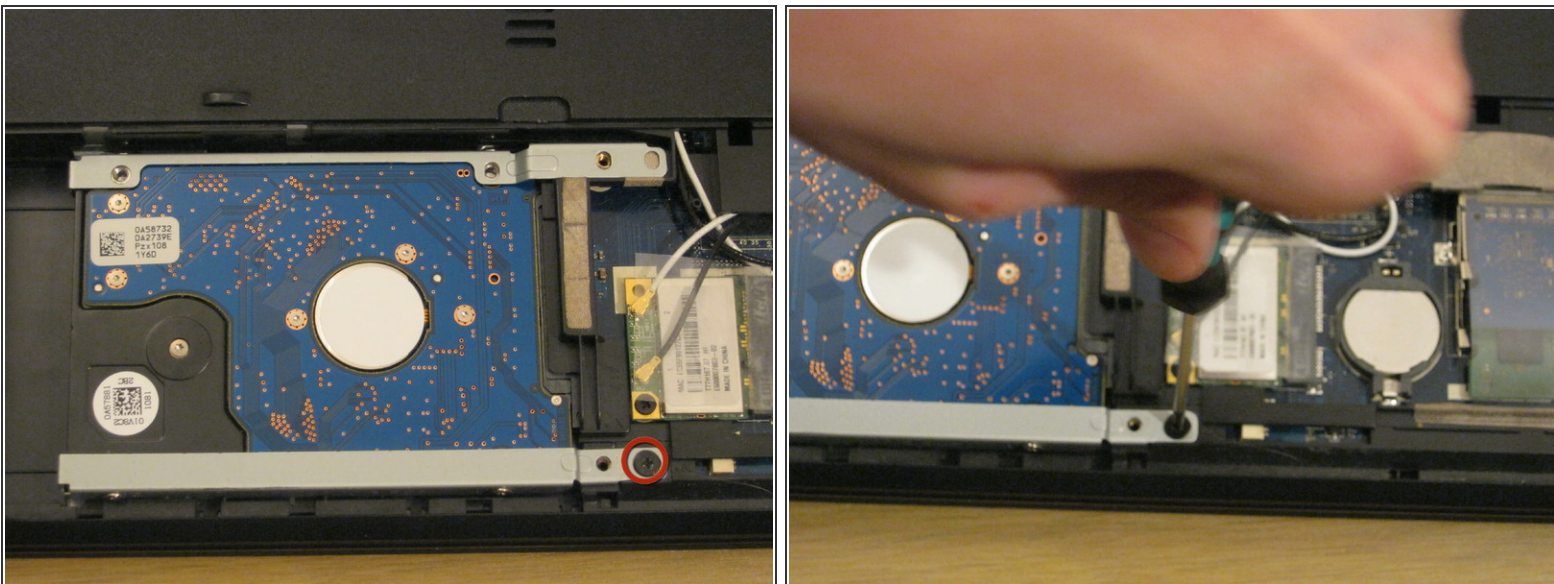


- Use a spudger to release the panel from the plastic retaining clips keeping it in place.

⚠ Do not apply too much force, or you may break the clips.

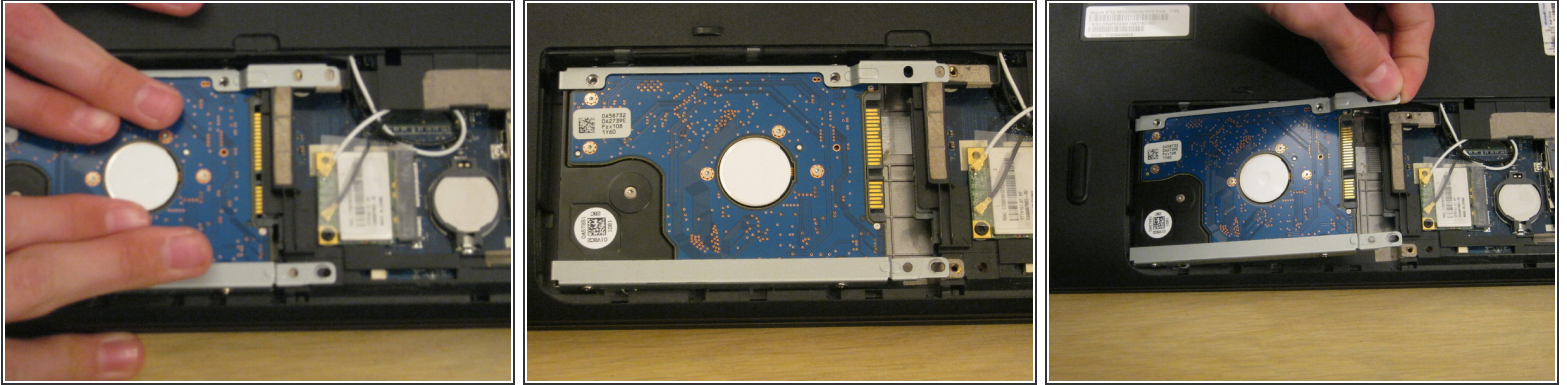
- Remove the panel and set it aside.

Step 4 — Hard Drive



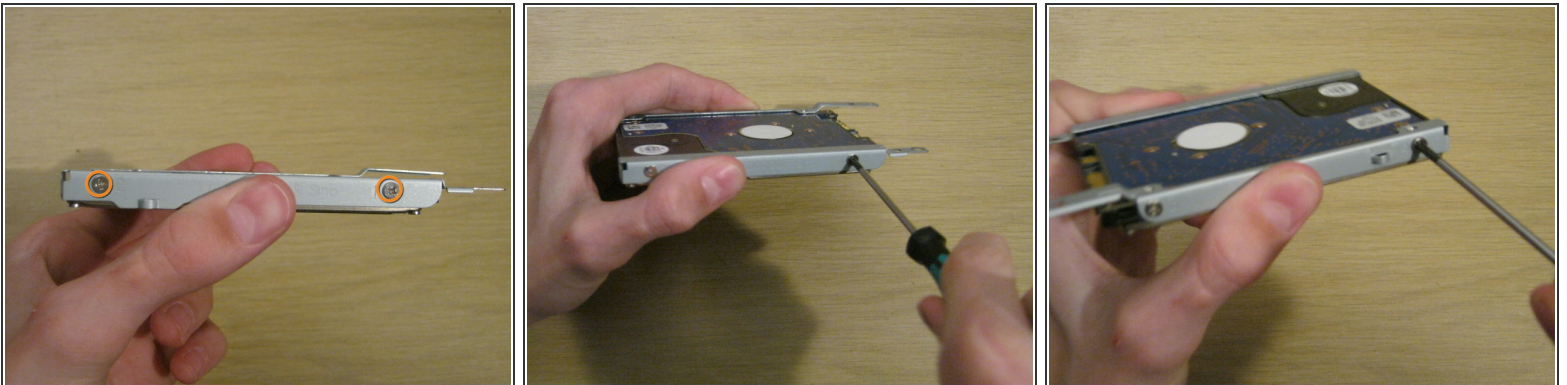
- Unscrew the one Phillips #00 screw keeping the hard drive in place.

Step 5



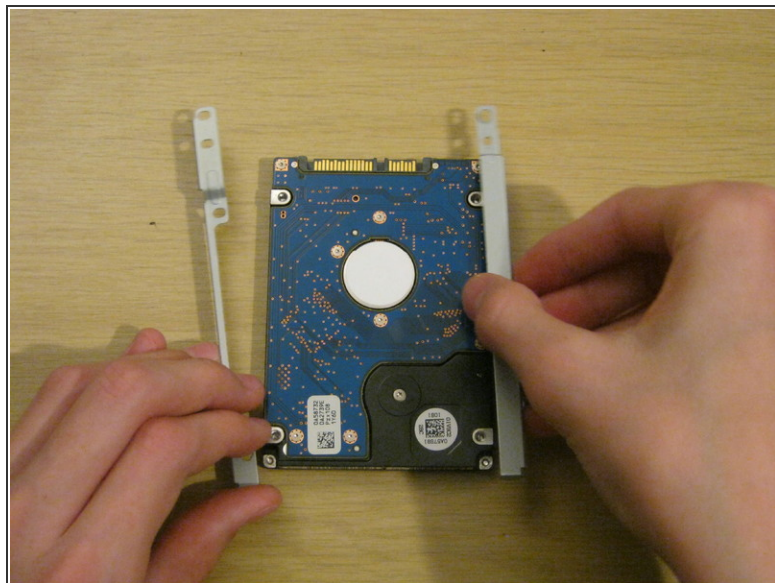
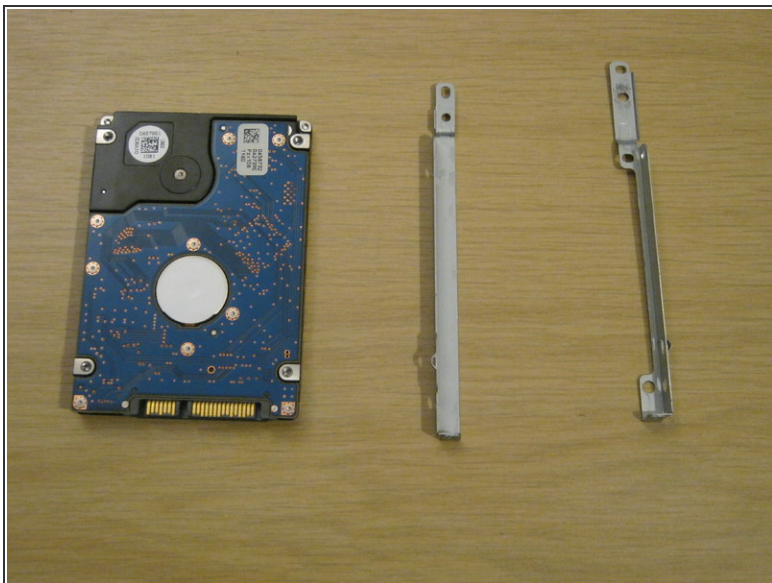
- Gently remove the hard drive from the SATA connectors.
- Lift the drive out of the notebook.

Step 6



- There is a small metal bracket on either side of the hard drive, with two small silver-coloured Phillips #00 screws securing the bracket to the drive on each side.
- Unscrew these screws.

Step 7



- When installing the new hard drive, remember to attach the brackets before placing the drive into the notebook.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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